

Senate Resolution 1248

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd and Pearson of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing cultural, economic, and educational cooperation with the Republic of India; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there is a bond of friendship between the citizens of Georgia and the Republic
4 of India; and

5 WHEREAS, People of Indian Origin (PIO) living in Georgia and the citizens of our state
6 welcome opportunities to grow our relationship at all levels including cultural, academic,
7 economic, and business; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud that Georgia based companies such as the Coca-Cola
9 Company, United Parcel Service, Delta Air Lines, Inter-Continental Hotels, CNN, GE
10 Energy, Scientific Atlanta (CISCO), and many other companies have operations in India; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud that a growing number of Indian companies such as WIPRO,
12 NIIT, Infosys Technologies, L & T Technology, Mahindra, Patni Computer Systems, Prabhat
13 Industries, Satyam Computer Services, Sonata, Tata Consultancy Service, and many other
14 companies have operations in Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud to have a life-size bronze statue of Mahatma Gandhi at the
16 Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site; and

17 WHEREAS, the recent endeavor to work toward establishing a Sister City relationship
18 between the City of Atlanta and the City of Ahmedabad, as global centers for the study of
19 nonviolence in the spirit of Mohandas K. Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr., and to enhance
20 business, cultural, and educational bonds between Georgia and the Republic of India
21 continues; and

1 WHEREAS, many Georgia colleges and universities also have ties with India, among them
2 Emory University, the Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University, and the
3 University of Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, India is a top destination for Georgia tourists with Delta Air Lines offering
5 nonstop service from Atlanta to Mumbai; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia is proud to be home to the Georgia Association of Physicians from
7 India (GAPI), the Gandhi Foundation of USA (GFUSA), the Asian American Hotel Motel
8 Owners Association (AAHOA), the Indian American Cultural Association (IACA), the
9 Asian-American Chamber of Commerce (AACC), and the Georgian Indo American
10 Chamber of Commerce; and

11 WHEREAS, Atlanta and all of Georgia would be honored to be selected to serve as the home
12 of the next Consulate General of India.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
14 recognize the special friendship between Georgia and India and express our appreciation to
15 His Excellency, Ronen Sen, Ambassador of India to the United States of America for his
16 efforts to promote peace and grow cultural, academic, economic, and educational ties
17 between our two nations.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
19 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to his Excellency Ronen Sen.